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Two plead guilty to bank robbery

Scott Hill, 34, of Boston, and **Duwayne Womack**, 28, of Providence, have pled guilty to a federal bank robbery charge for a robbery in June at a Coastway Credit Union branch in Providence.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the guilty pleas, which the defendants entered separately before U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi in U.S. District Court, Providence. Hill pled guilty at a hearing today and Womack pled guilty on August 29.

At today's plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on June 24, Hill, wearing a bandana over his face, entered the Coastway Credit Union on Greene Street, Providence. He indicated to a teller that he had a gun and, threatening to harm a pregnant customer who was at the counter, demanded money. The teller gave him \$1,180, along with a concealed dye pack.

A witness outside the credit union told police that the robber had walked toward Cathedral Square, where Dexter Manor is located. A review of Dexter Manor surveillance tape showed Hill and Womack in the elevator together shortly after 9:00 AM that morning as Hill donned the bandana. Subsequent tape showed the two returning to Dexter manner shortly after the robbery. Police arrested both men later that day. When he was arrested, Hill's hands were stained with a reddish dye, evidently from the exploded dye pack.

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Womack is scheduled to be sentenced on December 15 and Hill on January 5, 2007. Both men are detained.

In addition to Providence Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the robbery.

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